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EXPANSION OF SECONDARY EDUCATION
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of children for whom education facility is available in the secondary schools at present;

(b) whether the Government has taken any decision for expansion of this facility during the Twelfth Five Year Plan;

(c) if so, the number of additional schools proposes to be set up in each State and the estimated requirement; and

(d) the number of children likely to be deprived of secondary education due to lack of education facility?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (Dr. D. PURANDESWARI)

(a) As on 30th September 2009 (Statistics of School Education 2009-10), the Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) at secondary stage (classes IX-X) is 62.71% and there are 1,90,643 institutions providing secondary education in the country. With a view to provide access to quality secondary education for all children in the age group of 14-16, Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan (RMSA) has been launched since 2009-10 which provides for opening of secondary school within 5 k.ms. of a habitation. Under RMSA, 9799 new secondary schools and strengthening of 35,547 existing secondary schools have been sanctioned.

(b)to(d) The Working Group on Secondary Education while recommending extension of the coverage of government aided schools and also classes XI and XII under RMSA, has estimated requirement of 19,946 additional secondary schools to be set up in the 12th Five Year Plan under RMSA to ensure 100% GER by 2017. The State-wise tentative estimation of these schools is annexed.